

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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**Music Director: K. Quinton**

**Minister: Rev. C. Cooper**

## **First Sunday after Christmas**

### **Carol Service**

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:00 a.m.

#### **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

**Purposefulness** is being aware that each of us is here for a reason. We value our lives by discovering the part we are uniquely meant to play. We discern our intention and focus on it mindfully. We visualize it happening. We set goals and achieve them step by step, resisting distractions. We give each task single-minded concentration and excellence. We invest our full enthusiasm into even the simplest job. In the flow of our lives, there are many turns and unexpected events. Within it all, there are lessons to be learned and gifts to receive. Purposefulness is trusting the journey. (The Virtues Project)

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## **Praising God**

**Prelude** "What Child is This?" W.C.Dix/*Greensleeves*  
arr. Kevin Olson



### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship**

Have you not heard? Something wonderful has happened upon the earth! Rumours say that there has been a child born, a Saviour given. People of God, these are not rumours! For unto us is born Christ the Lord! This is good news of great joy which has come to all people. Come let us celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is our Light of the World!

**Carol (60)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
**O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him,**  
**O come, let us adore him,**  
**Christ the Lord.**

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**God of the galaxies and of Bethlehem and of this holy place, open our hearts that we might grasp the fullness of Your love for us. May the miracle of Jesus' birth lead us towards the miracle of life. And may the Christ of Christmas shape our lives until Your promises are fulfilled in us this day. Amen.**

**Carol (69)** "Away In a Manger" vs. 1,2,3

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**Carol (64)** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1

1 O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

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**Carol (67)** "Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1

1 Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

**Carol** "Silver Bells"

City sidewalks,  
busy sidewalks  
Dressed in holiday style  
In the air there's a  
feeling of Christmas

Children laughing,  
people passing  
Meeting smile after smile  
and on every street corner  
you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells  
It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring  
Soon it will be Christmas day

**Carol** "Deck the Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

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**Carol** "White Christmas"

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten,  
and children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow  
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white.

**Christmas Prayer (in unison)**

**God of stable birth, help us to see and feel the wonder of Christmas. Help us see the wonder we knew as children when we could hardly wait, the wonder of Mary and Joseph as they felt the power of Your love, the wonder of the shepherds who heard the great news, the wonder of the magi who bowed and humbly gave, the wonder through all the ages that God would come in such a simple birth. Help us this Christmas season to take time to wonder and celebrate Jesus' birth into our lives and world once again. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 2:21-33; 39-40 J. Brooker  
(Jesus is named and presented in the temple.)

**Carol (74)** "What Child Is This?" vs. 1

1 What child is this, who laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

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**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Carol (71)** "'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime" vs. 1

1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitchi Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

**Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born,  
in excelsis gloria.**

**Carol (91)** "The First Nowell" vs.1

1 The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**Carol** "I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In" vs. 1 & 4

I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the bells on Earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
And all the bells on Earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day in the morning.

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**Carol** "The Little Drummer Boy" vs. 1  
Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum,  
a new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum.  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum,  
to lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,  
so to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
when we come.

**Story** "The Christmas Candle" Max Lucado  
Rev. Cooper

**Carol (59)** "Joy to the World" vs.1  
1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

**Carol (48)** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" vs.1  
1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
'Glory to the newborn King!'**

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**Carol** "O Christmas Tree"  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your branches!  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your branches!  
In beauty green will always grow  
Through summer sun and winter snow.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your branches!

**Carol** "Here Come Santa Claus"  
Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus,  
Right down Santa Claus lane  
Vixen and Blitzen and all his reindeer  
Pullin' on the reins  
Bells are ringin', children singin'  
All is merry and bright  
Hang your stockings and say your prayers  
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!

**Carol** "Jingle Bells"  
Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh  
Over the fields we go, laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob-tail ring, making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing,  
a sleighing song tonight.  
**Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh,  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.**

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**Carol** "Good King Wenceslas"

Good King Wenceslas looked out,  
on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about,  
deep and crisp and even;  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
tho' the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,  
if thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
underneath the mountain;  
Right against the forest fence,  
by Saint Agnes' fountain."

**Christmas Creed from Latin America (together)**

**I believe** in Jesus Christ and in the power of the  
gospel, which began in Bethlehem.

**I believe** in the One Whose Spirit glorified a small  
village, of Whose coming the shepherds saw the  
sign, and for Whom there was no room at the inn.

**I believe** in the One Whose life changed the course of  
history, over Whom the kings of the earth had no  
power, and Who was not understood by the proud.

**I believe** in the One to Whom the poor, the  
oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick,  
the blind, the leprous gave welcome, and Whom  
they accepted as Lord and Saviour.

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**I believe** in the One Who, with love, changed the  
hearts of the proud, and with His life showed that it  
is more important to serve, than to be served, and  
that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

**I believe** in peace, which is not the absence of war,  
but justice among all people and nations, and love  
among all.

**I believe** in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the  
transforming power of the gospel.

**I believe** that Christmas is strength and power, and  
that this world can change if, with humility and  
faith, we kneel before the manger.

**I believe** that I must be the first one to do so.

Anonymous, translated by Joyce Hill

**Carol (43)** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" vs. 1,2

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. **R**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Saviour's birth! **R**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Joy to the World" I.Watts/G.F.Handel  
arr. Joseph Martin

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

**Many thanks** to B. Kai and J. Brooker for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scripture lesson. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for leading us in singing all our carols. Beautifully sung as always!

**Today, Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., Carol Service** to sing favourite carols.

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 11:00 a.m., Epiphany Sunday**, the day when the Magi visit the Christ Child.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

**BUC Prayer Group:** These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

**2020 Tax Receipts** – donations postmarked or received at the Church by December 31, 2020, will be entered for the 2020 tax year. Anything arriving after December 31 or with a postmark after December 31 will be accounted for as a donation in 2021. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your ongoing support.

**We will continue** to offer Zoom audio and video worship services. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and well. This also means everyone who would like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

**Our Church Administrator**, M. Leone, will be on holidays this week.

**God bless you**, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.

